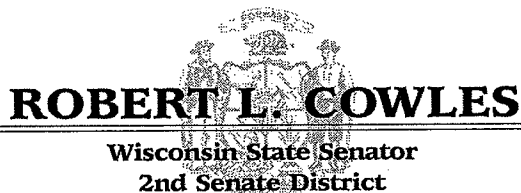


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TO: Senate Committee on Economic Development and Veterans and Military Affairs

FROM: State Senator Robert Cowles

DATE: October 24, 2011

RE: Assembly Bill 179

Chairman Leibham and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for considering Assembly Bill 179 today. This bill is an important economic development tool that will allow two or more cities and villages to create a multi-jurisdictional Tax Incremental District (TID). Rep. Weininger and I authored this bill after Brown County municipal leaders brought this issue to our attention.

In our area of the state, a multi-jurisdictional TID could be a vital tool in developing Ashland Avenue, which stretches from De Pere, through Ashwaubenon and Lambeau Field, and finally to downtown Green Bay.

AB 179 is an excellent job-creating measure that will allow municipalities to create unified corridor development plans, in an effort to spur private sector investment in underdeveloped areas.

This bill recently passed the Assembly by a vote of 96-0.

Once again, thank you for consideration of AB 179, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



ROBERT L. COWLES